

REMARKS

Applicant has carefully reviewed and considered the Office Action mailed on November 18, 2002, and the references cited therewith.

Claims 34-40 are added. As a result, claims 1-40 are now pending in this application.

§102 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 1, 2, 6, 12, 13, 16, 17, 23, 24, 27, 29 and 33 were rejected under 35 USC § 102(a) as being anticipated by Rebeske (US 2,950,381). This rejection is respectfully traversed. Rebeske does not show a secondary display that displays a different set of information. At best, it displays a subset of the information on the primary display.

The present application describes the presentation of information on two or more displays a manner that does not include just displaying a subset of information. In particular, the background describes the problem of optimizing “the viewing of the primary area for a particular software application.” Further, “the goal is to reduce the size of these tertiary areas while increasing the size of the primary area”. Tertiary areas are described as tool bars and buttons in the background section of the application. Examples of the different sets of information in the detailed description include providing different views, such as providing a 2D view on one display, a 3D view on a further display, and the tool bars and buttons on a third display on page 7. It is clear that the different set of information in claims 1, 13, 13, and 23 do not include showing merely a subset as is done in Rebeske.

Claim 33 recites providing further information on the secondary display device. This is quite different from Rebeske, which only displays a subset of information from the first display. The text cited by the Office Action in Rebeske, column 3, lines 11-30 and column 4 lines 5-21 do not support the display of further information on the second display screen. Rather, it permits “the operator to exclude certain non-essential display matters on the second display screen while leaving those display matters on the first display screen.” Column 4 language indicates how “the second display screen 70 may then be pivoted about the axis as shown in FIG. 5 wherein the second display screen 70 faces away from the operator of the computer...” This actually teaches

away from displaying further information, because such further information is not even visible by the operator of the computer in such a position. Thus, Rebeske clearly lacks an element claimed in claim 33, and a prima facie case of obviousness has not been established. The rejection should be withdrawn.

§103 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 22, 25, 26 and 30-32 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being anticipated by Rebeske (US 6,295,038) in view of Hendry et al. (US 5,682,529). This rejection is respectfully traversed. Claim 22 as amended calls for different sets of information to be selected for display in the different display devices “based on the one of the number of reconfiguration options.” This is to clarify the previous language. It is believed to distinguish the references for the same reasons as claim 1, and further because the information is selected based on the reconfiguration options, and FIG. 3 of Hendry shows state descriptors that contain “information describing the characteristics and operating parameters of the display device.” Col. 5 lines 65-67. Such state descriptors clearly have no relationship to selecting sets of information. As such, claim 22 is believed allowable and the rejection should be withdrawn.

Claims 25 and 26 are believed allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 1.

Claims 30-32 are also believed allowable as amended. All contain a reference to the display of different sets of information.

Claims 2-5, 7-11, 14, 15, 18-21 and 28 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rebeske (US 6,295,038) in view of Failla (US 5,128,662). This rejection is respectfully traversed, as the claims distinguish for the same reasons as claim 1, 13 and 23 from which they depend.

New claims 34-40 have been added and are believed to distinguish the references for at the least the same reasons as claim 1. In addition, the terms primary and tertiary information have been added to more distinctly point out differences between the information displayed on the display devices.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney 612-373-6972 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

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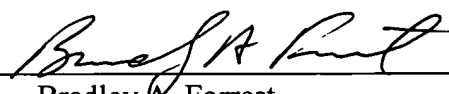
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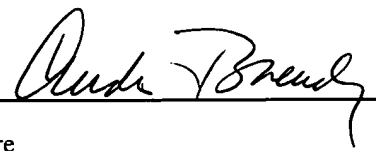
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